

THE **STU
DIO**S

DIRECTORY + DISPATCHES

2021 | VOL 3



MAINFRAME
STUDIOS

THE
GIFT
GUIDE
ISSUE

MY Ode TO MAINFRAME

Behind our colorful exterior
You'll find talents superior

Be who you want to be
Find a welcoming community
Among endless creativity

View art on display
On canvas, and in clay
Commission a logo
Snap a photo
Take a class
Bend hot glass

We work in every form
Taking Des Moines by storm
Showing what's possible
When art is accessible

Our artists and organization inspired me to think creatively about how to convey the tremendous assets that exist within our walls and impact our community's quality of life. They are vast and diverse: Buy from them, collaborate with them, hire them, learn from them and, above all, connect with them. Let them inspire you to give creatively this season.

Thank you,



Siobhan Spain, *Executive Director*
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MAINFRAME STUDIOS
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Des Moines, IA 50309
Mainframestudios.org
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MISSION
A 501(c)3 nonprofit
providing permanent
affordable workspace for
artists of all disciplines

VISION
Transform Central Iowa's
art scene by creating a
financially self-sustaining
economic and cultural driver,
serving as a national model
that stands the test of time

STAFF
Siobhan Spain,
Executive Director
Sabrina Carper, *Manager*

VENUE
The Tangerine
Food Company
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REFRAMING RACIAL JUSTICE

A CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SPEAKER SERIES

Mainframe Studios believes that creative ideas can best be realized in spaces where anti-oppressive policies are nurtured. In 2020 Mainframe Studios, with the support of its tenants and board of directors, vowed to purposefully identify, discuss, and challenge issues of race and the impact they have on our organization, its systems, and the artists who work here. To effectively carry out our commitments, expanding our knowledge, awareness and community is vital.

We have partnered with the Des Moines chapter of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) to develop a four-part speaker series featuring regional leaders who are especially skilled in helping further diversity, equity and inclusion efforts. Mainframe Studios is honored to host these guests and their participatory sessions for the benefit of our internal progress, and to offer them to the public.

These events are free of charge. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with a cash bar and free light refreshments. Space will be limited. Please reserve your spot by visiting our website's event listings or Eventbrite.



OCTOBER 31

JOSHUA V. BARR, former Director of the Des Moines Civil & Human Rights Commission and Founder and Chief strategist of Raising The Barr, addresses what we can do at a local

level to finally exorcise the demon called racism.

DECEMBER 12

DR. MADISON DESHAY-DUNCAN and **RICHARD DUNCAN**, directors of *The Center Street Story: An Urban Renewal Retrospective* share their insights on understanding social (in)justices through the power of place.



FEBRUARY 20

ABENA S. IMHOTEP, Founder and Executive Director of Sankofa Strategies Consulting, leads an interactive learning exchange that establishes a racial framework that is personal, local, and immediate.

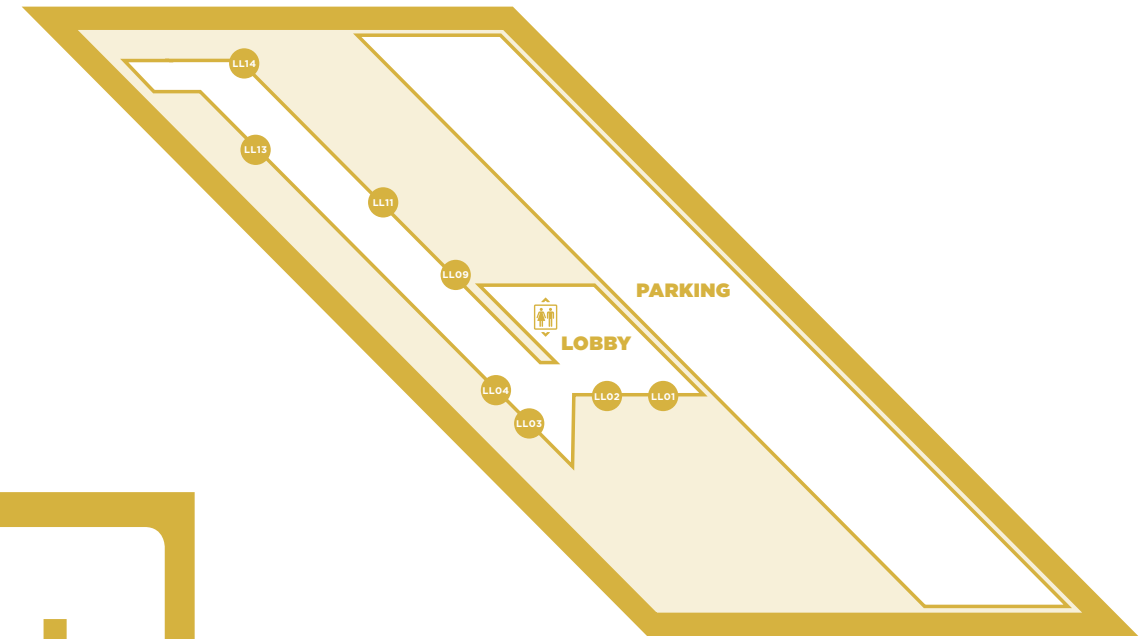


APRIL 10

JORDAN W. BROOKS, Owner of KNWSLF and Director of Equity, Inclusion, and Multicultural Student Success at Iowa State University, guides an exploration of creative resistance as a liberative way of being. 📺



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LOWER LEVEL ARTISTS

#LL01
JAMES BEARDEN
Sculpture

#LL02
JJ GAFFERS
Hand Blown and Stained Glass Art

#LL03
JACOB SPAIN
Ceramics

#LL09 & #LL10
SOMETIMES FURNITURE
Woodworking

#LL11
RYAN TOPETE
Multimedia

#LL13
CHRIS VANCE
Painting

#LL14
CITY SOUNDS
Nonprofit



Antoinette Le Valle
studio #439

10 Creative Gift Ideas

FROM MAINFRAME STUDIOS



Patchwork Alecia Sweater - \$70

*Gretchen Bohling Designs
Studio #445*

Is anything cozier than this patchwork sweater by Gretchen Bohling designs? Each of these one-of-a-kind sweaters is reversible and sustainably made using fabric remnants.

Sweet Pea Leather Bag - \$75

Rebeline Couture // Studio #352
Give your sweet pea a Sweet Pea bag! These handmade leather purses are perfect as a crossbody or a clutch. Need something bigger? Rebeline makes bottomless tote bags as well.



Original Letterpress Prints Starting at \$4

The Red Door Press // Studio #120
Looking for something for the book lovers in your life? The Red Door Press is the place to shop for holiday cards, posters, bookmarks and beyond.



Family Portrait Session - \$380

*Ward Creative Studios
Studio #309*

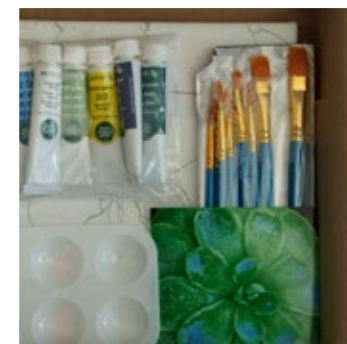
It's more than a gift, it's a priceless family memory. Take some time this holiday season to give a gift that will be hanging on your loved ones walls for years.



Ceramic Star Ornaments - \$26

*Marion Nehmer Ceramics
Studio #419*

Choose from red dotted porcelain stars or copper glazed stoneware stars. Each box contains one 4.5", one 3.5" and one 2.25" star that are dated on the back with the year 2021.



DIY Painting Kit - \$40

Jess Quinn // Studio #407

These acrylic painting kits include everything you need to create a botanical painting. Follow along online as Jess Quinn shows you how to paint your own colorful flower or succulent.



Handmade Knives Starting at \$300

Lost Planet Forge // Studio #369
Looking for a knife that can be a gift for generations? Lost Planet Forge makes heirloom quality knives from natural and sustainable materials.



Mainframe Studios Merch Pack - \$40

*Purchase through The Blok DSM
Studio #101*

Support Mainframe Studios directly by purchasing this merchandise pack. Help us finish our capital campaign and build our final floor of studio spaces, and look really cool while you do. Purchase at The Blok DSM in studio #101.

Tufted Pickle Wall Hangings

Genevieve Le Valle // Studio #439

Great on your sandwich and your walls. This pickle art is made of reclaimed yarn, and tufted by fiber artist Genevieve Lavalle. Ready to hang.



Keys by the 3's T-Shirt Pack - \$99

*Designed by the Streets
Studio #317*

Into streetwear? So are we! These mini backpacks feature three custom graphic T-shirts from Designed by the Streets. Bags are clear vinyl and come with your choice of dark or light colored tees.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE:

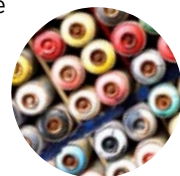
SPRAY PAINT

BY THE BLOK DSM


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There aren't many artistic mediums that have a bad reputation, but spray paint definitely makes the list. Despite historically being associated with vandalism, it's gained contemporary respect and the medium is favored among street artists and muralists. It's early artistic applications started in the late 50's and 60's in black and latino neighborhoods around New York City.

One of the first well known graffiti artists was Darryl McCray, known as Cornbread, who at age 17, jumped a fence at the Philadelphia Zoo and spray painted "Cornbread Lives" on the side of an elephant. Most

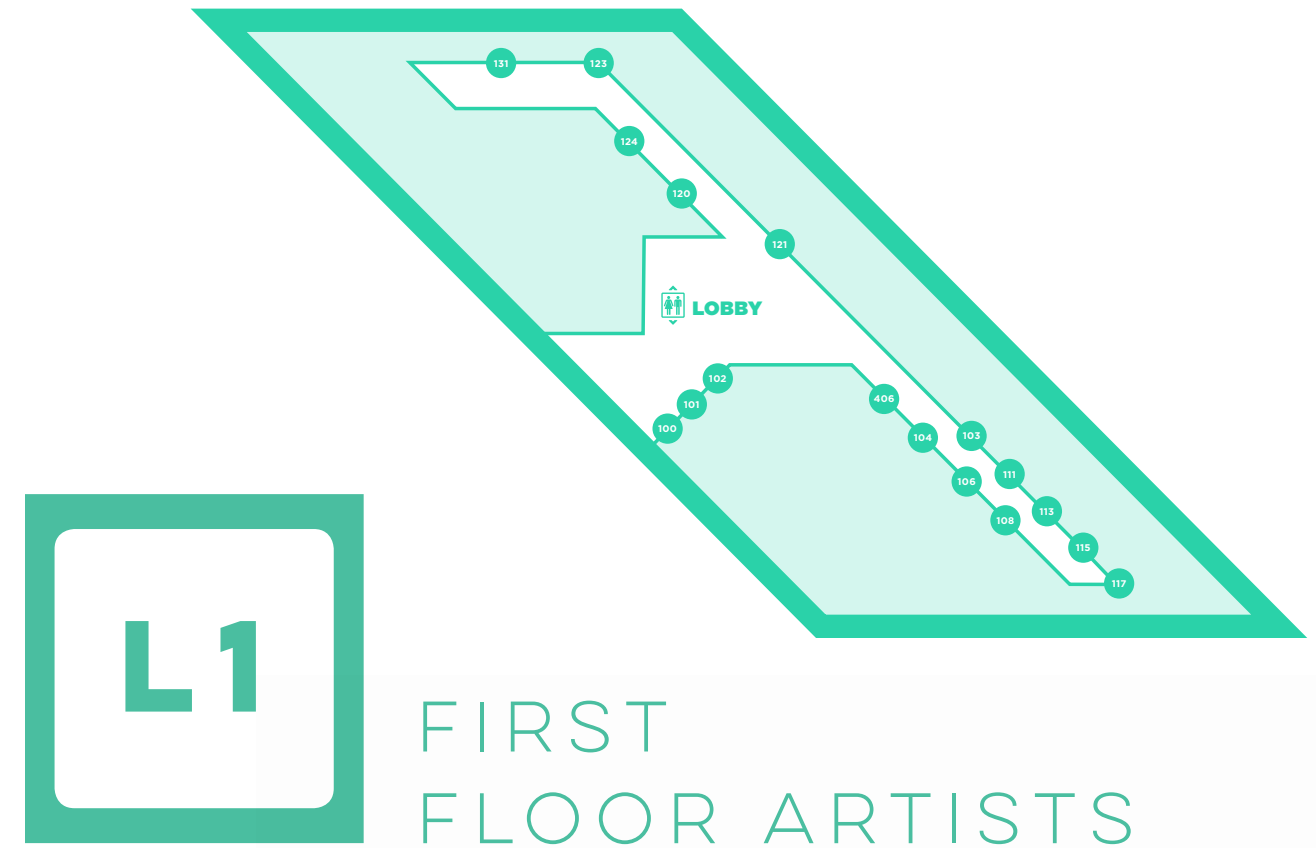


graffiti artists at the time preferred to tag train cars and subway tunnels, appreciating their large works in motion. Eventually spray paint evolved beyond just text based calligraphic works to involve more imagery and take up full walls. Key artists in this shift included Keith Haring and Jean-Michel Basquiat.

As the artwork evolved, so did the medium! Artists began using stencils and a variety of paint nozzles to achieve unique effects. Some brands began to specialize by making paints designed to last longer, with good consistency and spray dispersion. Many of those brands are still favored by street artists today, like the Montana Spray paints we carry at The Blok DSM. 



HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT TOOLS OF YOUR CREATIVE TRADE? VISIT THE BLOK DSM ART SUPPLY STORE IN #101. THEBLOKDSM.COM



#100
MAINFRAME STUDIOS
Nonprofit Office

#101
THE BLOK DSM
Fine Art Supplies

#102, 104, 106
SAY POETRY
Nonprofit / Youth Programming

#103 & #109
COMMUNITY SUPPORT ADVOCATES
Nonprofit / Momentum Art Studio

#108
DANCE STUDIO

#111 & #112
KFMG 89.9 FM
Nonprofit / Radio Station

#113
CIVIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION
Nonprofit

#115
BLOQ BOI ENT.
Music Production

#117
DES MOINES MUSIC COALITION
Nonprofit // Music Management & Promotion

#120
THE RED DOOR PRESS
Letterpress Print Shop and Design Studio

#123
THE BIG ROOM
Event Rental Venue

#124
ALFELINO FELICIANO
Commercial Photography

#126
JIM SPEVAK
Ceramics

#131
THE TANGERINE FOOD CO.
Mainframe Caterers



Marion Nehmer Pottery studio #419

CANT STOP WONT STOP

WHO: KEESHA WARD
WHAT: YOU NAME IT!
WHERE: STUDIO 309

Do you know what engagement photos, girl scouts, veganism, and uplifting your community have in common? Keesha Ward knows.

Introducing a mover and shaker who is empowering her community and making sure they look damn fine while she does it. Whether she's behind the camera or in front of a crowd, Keesha is a pro at making things happen.

Not only is she a professional photographer, and the owner of her own plant-based living brand, she's also the COO of Girl Scouts of America. Keesha ties these passions together with a dedication to supporting the black community.

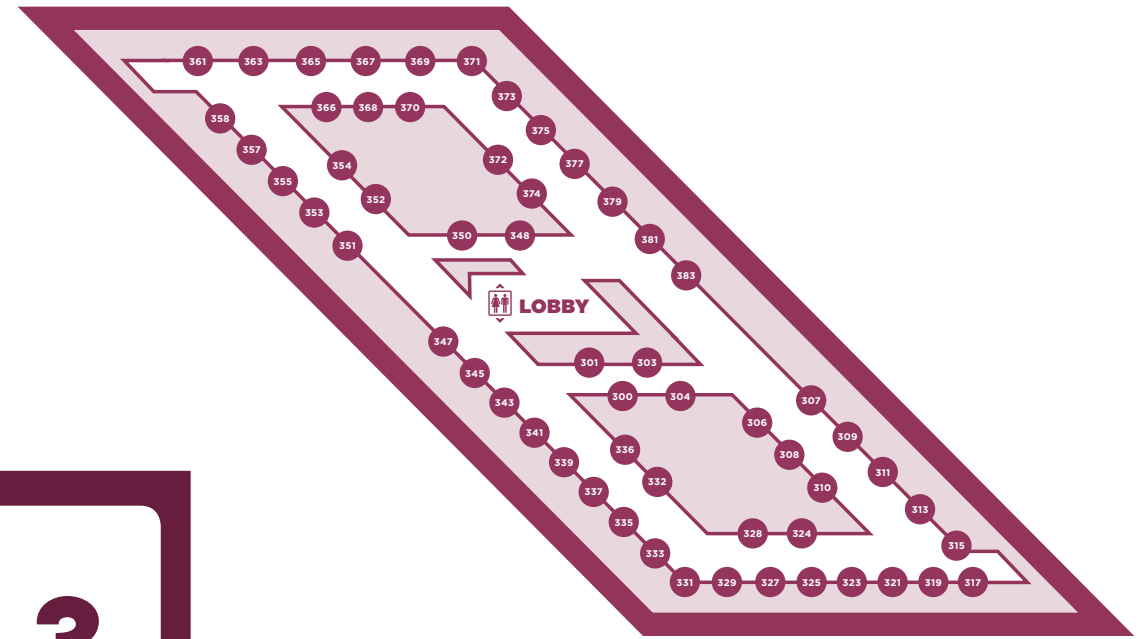
She's organized a number of photoshoots aimed at showcasing black love, black entrepreneurs, and black youth. Her work with the girl scouts is similarly focused, as Keesha explains she's "encouraging girls to empower themselves". Her plant-based living brand Vegan-Knees has even hosted coaching sessions aimed at opening conversation around cultural foods and how black individuals can improve their health.

In all things, Keesha Ward knows her purpose: uplifting and connecting with her community, and she does it all from studio #309. Stop by her space to see walls full of beaming black faces, and talk to her about her upcoming projects! 📷

Photography by Keesha Ward



THIRD FLOOR ARTISTS



#300
PI 515
Educational Nonprofit

#301
RAYNA ART CO
Henna and Tattooing

#303
JON LEMONS
Photography

#306
LAURA WILKENS
Painting

#304 & #307
VALERIE CARR
Urban Couture
Photography

#308
**PAPER GARDEN
WORKSHOP**
Garden Design

#309
**WARD CREATIVE
STUDIOS**
Photography

#310
JODY VALENTINE
Mixed Media

#311
PAIGE HOLZBAUER
ISU Dept of Art &
Design Alumni Studio

#313
**DESIGN FETISH
BY DESHARA**
Wreaths and Decor

#315
DYLAN HUEY
Huey Photography

#317
**DESIGNED BY THE
STREETS**
Clothing Design

#319
MAGGIE GULLING
Photography

#321
JULIA FRANKLIN
Mixed Media

#323
**BRITTANY BROOKE
CROW**
Photography

#324
PATRICK LEER
Painting

#325
CLAIRE SEDOVIC
Illustration

#327
MADDY FUSCO
Illustration

#328
ANDREW CLARRIDGE
Painting

#329
VOLK IMAGES LLC
Photography

#331
GOLD CREEK
Game Development

#332
NICK LAPOLE
Multimedia

#333
TITLE FIGHT
Graphic Design and
Printing

#335
**RIGHT RIGHT
NOW NOW**
Risograph Print Lab

#336
ALYSSA KILLIN
Mixed Media

#337
ONE DSM
Branding

#339
515 PRINTS
Printing and Graphic
Design

#341
KIM GOLDBERG
Mixed Media

#343
**INK AND OAK
CALLIGRAPHY**
Calligraphy and Hand-
Lettering

#345
OWEN DESIGN
Graphic Design

#347
SABRINA CARPER
Mixed Media

#348
BRANDI POWELL
Illustration and Fiber
Arts

#350
ALYSSA TAUBER
Printmaking

#351
**LOVE LIFE
COLLECTIVE**
Dance Studio

#352
REBELINE
Leather

#353
MICHAEL WILSON
Painting

#354
SARAH ROSE STUDIO
Chalk Pastel and
Painting

#355
JUSTIN NOSTROLA
Painting

#357
**MARKAUS
ASHWORTH**
Musician, Entrepreneur

#359 & #366
FIRAT ERDİM
Artist

#361
DON STINSON
Painting

#363
BUFFALO BONKER
Painting

#365
**RYAN DAMMAN
PHOTOGRAPHY**
Photography

#367
JEFF KLISARES
Painting

#368
**NATASHA
PETROSOVA**
Painting

#369
**CAMERON
SADEGHPOUR**
Photography & Fine
Handmade Knives

#370
ATELIER KARGOL
Fine Art

#371
SARA BOESEN
SJ Fine Art
Conservation

#372
LAUREN PESTA
Mixed Media

#373
LEVI ROBB
Mixed Media

#374
MICKEY CARLSON
Painting

#375
AMENDA TATE
Interdisciplinary Artist

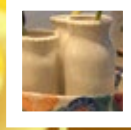
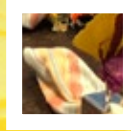
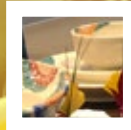
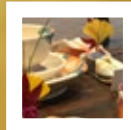
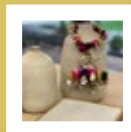
#377
**LAURA NICHOLE
PHOTOGRAPHY**
Photography

#379
BEN SCHUH PAINTING
Murals

#381
JOSH SORELL
Painting

#383
JOHN RAVET
Fiber Art and Textiles

ANNUAL CERAMICS INVITATIONAL



Mainframe Studios annual Ceramics Invitational is just around the corner. This exhibition highlights select ceramic artists who display exceptional craftsmanship and creative fervour. Whether you're interested in sculpture, installation, or functional pottery these artists bring clay to life.

Our artists showcase their work in our building at every First Friday event, but this exhibition is special. They'll be taking over the entire building with unique installations and new works. Select artists from outside our building have been invited to show their work alongside Mainframe artists. *These artists represent the Des Moines ceramics community, and we're thrilled to have them brightening up our halls.*

This year's invitational also highlights the Central Academy Ceramics Studio. The pottery program at Central Academy offers Des Moines Public high school students authentic experiences in learning how to fail, persist, problem solve and innovate through the exploration of the ceramic arts. These young potters are graciously donating 20% of their sales at Mainframe Studio to support the Central Academy pottery program. ☐

Mainframe Artists:

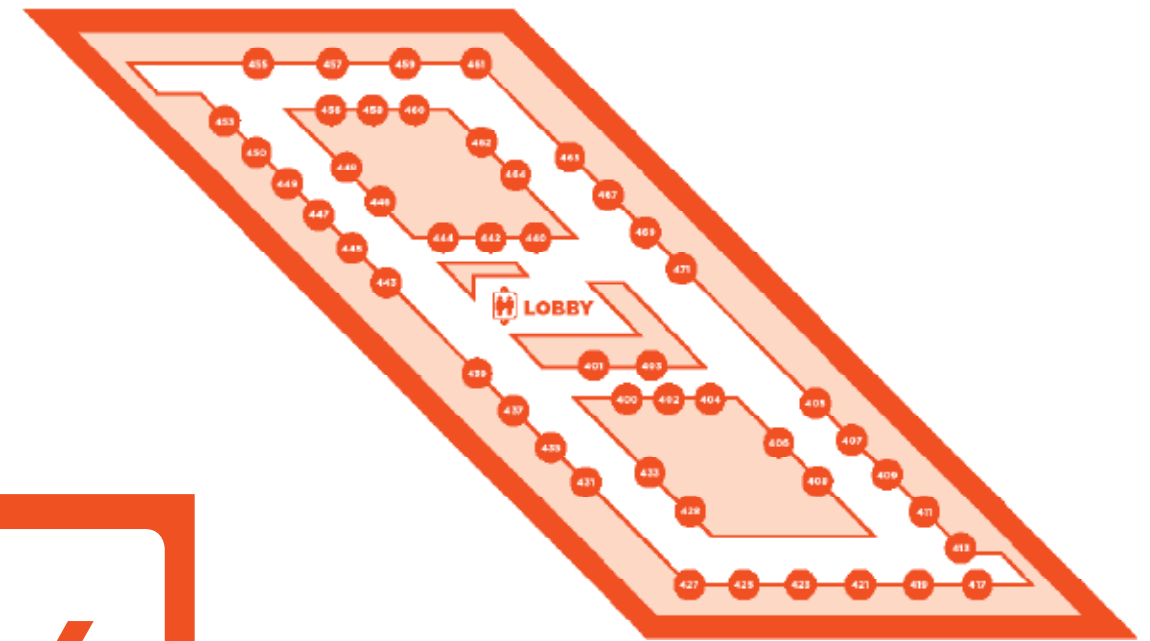
- Judy Goodwin
- Diane Hayes
- Linda Lewis
- Emily MacFarland
- Marion Nehmer

Central Academy Artists:

- Georgia Matthews, 17
- Ella Astor, 17
- Aleena Raja, 17
- Autumn Tiedens, 17
- Lizzie Wilson, 17
- Mo Morgan, 18
- Sage Halfhill-Boone, *Studio Apprentice*
- Dara Green, *Artist and Instructor*



FOURTH FLOOR ARTISTS



#400
YVETTE SUTTON
Mixed Media

#401
MATTHEW CORONES
Painting, Mixed Media

#402
PURPLE RAVEN
Jewelry

#403
BRIAN MOSES, DANIEL CHRISTODOSS
Woodwork

#404
STUART ARTS
Painting

#405
HEARTLAND STUDIO
Painting

#406
SAMMIE COCKERHAM
Painting

#407
JESS QUINN
Botanic Oil Painting

#408
JAY GRIFFITH
Painting

#409
WES & JOAN YEOMAN
Multimedia Art and Design

#411
KATIE SEGLER
Drake University's Dept of Art & Design Alumni Studio

#413
SUE PENN DESIGNS
Painting, Fabric Design

#417
WAVEFORM MUSIC
Recording Studio

#419
EMILY MACFARLAND
Pottery

#419
MARION NEHMER
Pottery

#421
CAPITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
Photography

#423
BITTY BUTTONS
Children's Clothing

#425
LAINEY BECK
Multimedia

#427
SARAH NOLL WILSON
Leadership Lab

#428
CHRISTINE LOGLI LEDO
Painting, Portraits

#430
SHEENA THOMAS
Jewelry

#431
MA ARCHITECTURE
Architecture

#433 & 435
LINDA LEWIS
Clay narrative sculptures

#435
DIANE HAYES
Clay sculptor

#435
JUDY GOODWIN
Clay sculptor

#437
JEN LAWLER DESIGNS
Jewelry

#439
GENEVIEVE LE VALLE ART
Textiles

#439
ANTOINETTE LE VALLE
Painting, Film

#440
KZA LLC
Makeup as Art

#442
GOOD FRIEND DESIGNS
Jewelry

#443
KATIE GEARTY
Mixed Media, Jewelry

#444
SAMANTHA GREEN
Upholstery

#446
JEFF RIDER ART
Painting

#445 & 447
GRETCHEN BOHLING DESIGNS
Clothing Design

#448
FUECHE VANG
Painting, Illustrating

#449
JAMI MILNE
Photography

#451
MOLLY SPAIN
Mixed Media, Design

#453
BRIAN DUFFY
Cartoons, Illustration

#455
ALEX BROWN ESTATE RESIDENCY
Painting

#456
BEAU KENYON
Composer

#457
MICHELLE LOVELL
Photography

#459
MARGO Z NAHAS
Jewelry, Multimedia

#460
VENNESSA SIRES
Painting

#461
ADAM VAN WYK
Storyboard Artist

#461
TYLER WALPOLE
Illustration

#464
PAIGE PETERSON PHOTOGRAPHY
Reveal Room

#465
PAIGE PETERSON PHOTOGRAPHY
Photography

#465
KELLY BROWN
KPC Pagent Coaching

#467
JAY VIGON CREATIVE
Fine Art, Design

#469
HOLLY HARTY
Painting

#471
NUMINOUS GAMES
Game Development



Book your next event at Mainframe Studios!

OUR CONTEMPORARY, WINDOW-LINED EVENT RENTAL SPACE IS LOCATED INSIDE THE REGION'S PREMIERE ART STUDIO BUILDING.

INCREDIBLE CATERING

The Tangerine Food Company is the exclusive caterer for events at Mainframe Studios.

FLEXIBLE SPACE

With a full wall of windows overlooking downtown Des Moines, our space can be transformed into the perfect backdrop for your wedding, corporate party, large-group meeting and more.

EVENT BOOKING & CATERING: 515-720-7510
tangerine@mainframestudios.org
Capacity // 250 seated; 400 reception-style
Size // 4700sf flexible banquet room



MAINFRAME STATS

ESTABLISHED IN
2012

Total number
of studios
131

Over
30
creative disciplines
represented

Already the **largest nonprofit creative workspace in the nation**

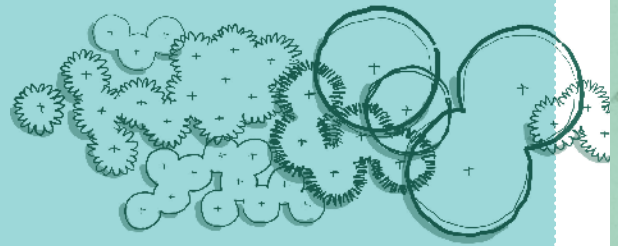
More to go! Phase 3 requires \$1.4M in funding to renovate 2nd floor and add our final 49 studios

When complete, Mainframe Studios will be financially self-sustaining

NEED HOLIDAY MOMEN TUM?

Book an art workshop for a creative twist on your holiday get together with friends, family or your business team! All proceeds go to support local artists with disabilities and mental health conditions at MOMENTUM Studios.

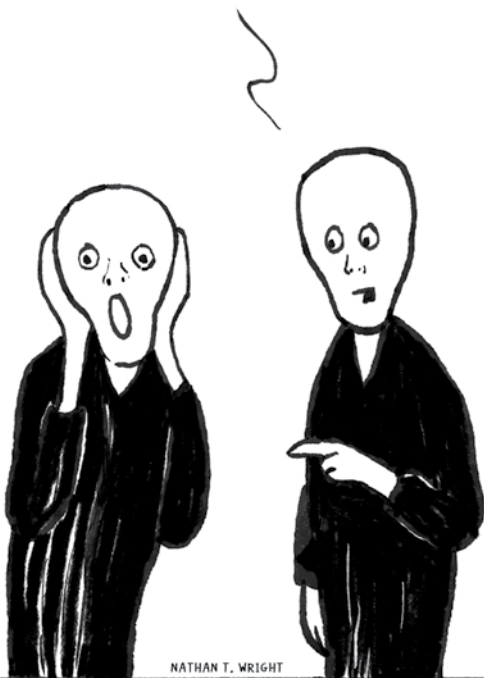
MOMENTUM ART STUDIOS || Suite 103 & 109
515-669-4821 | www.teamcsa.org



Learn how to draw and design your garden in a fun and simple way at Paper Garden Workshop! Check out www.papergardenworkshop.com for lots of awesome inspiration.

PAPER GARDEN WORKSHOP || STUDIO 308
lisa@papergardenworkshop.com

KEEP IT UP AND YOUR FACE
WILL GET STUCK THAT WAY.



NATHAN T. WRIGHT

NEED PAINT?

Fine art supplies and creative consultancy available at The Blok DSM. Paint, clay, paper, canvas, drawing materials, and more. We do custom orders for supplies, and specialty fabrication available.

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20% OFF any purchases of \$200 or more.
Framed and unframed prints and paintings.
Wood, metal and 3D printed sculptures.
Good through December 25th, 2021.
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FIRST FRIDAY
— OPEN STUDIO EVENT —

HAPPENING EVERY MONTH 5-8PM
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



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